THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE A. GOPAL REDDY
AND
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE P. SWAROOP REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO.19917 OF 2007

Date: 1.10.2007

Between:

Ranjit Joseph. … Petitioner

And

Denny Skarya and others. … Respondents.

ORAL ORDER: **(per P. Swaroop Reddy, J)**

The petitioner Ranjit Joseph filed this petition alleging that the first respondent is the husband of her sister Reni Denny and respondents 2 and 3 are her in-laws. The marriage of her sister with the 1st respondent was performed in 1995 and they were blessed with two sons by name Robin and Rohan. It is further alleged that at the time of marriage his father gave gold ornaments of ten tulas and one flat at Bowenpally, Secunderabad towards dowry, that since the marriage respondents 1 to 3 are harassing the family of the petitioner for payment of additional dowry and torturing her sister, that they borrowed Rs.65,000/- and gave it to respondents 1 to 3, that subsequently 2nd respondent demanded an amount of Rs.3.00 lakhs towards additional dowry in the month of June, 2007 and threatened with dire consequences in default of payment, that respondents 1 to 3 threatened to eliminate her sister if the amount is not paid, that on 14.9.2007 at about 7.30 p.m. 2nd respondent made a phone call to the petitioner stating that his sister and her two boys are missing from the house and that he made all possible enquires with the relatives and friends but he could not locate her sister and her children. He has positively stated that the respondents 1 to 3 have kidnapped his sister and her children and hidden them in unknown place and though a complaint has been lodged with the 4th respondent, the same has not been registered.

The Sub-Inspector of Police, Osmania University Police Station, Hyderabad – 4th respondent filed a counter-affidavit and also produced Smt. Reni Denny before the Court.

On being examined, the alleged detenu stated that she was harassed by her husband and in-laws but no complaint was ever given to the police pointing out any harassment, that she is residing at Tirupathi where she is working and she also got her children admitted in a school there, that her brother and parents have no business to interfere with her affairs and she wants to live independently at Tirupathi along with her children.

In view of the above statement made by Smt. Reni Denny before this Court, nothing remains to be adjudicated in the writ petition and the same is closed. It is, however, observed that neither the petitioner nor the respondents, particularly, Respondent No.1, shall not interfere with the life and liberty of the petitioner and in case Respondent No.1 wants to have the company of the alleged detenu or his children, he has to take appropriate action through Court of law either for restitution of his conjugal rights/guardianship of the children.

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A. GOPAL REDDY, J

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1st October, 2007 **P. SWAROOP REDDY, J**

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